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DEEP-FAT FRYING

- 1. Never let lard smoke.
- 2. Best temperature 350-360 degrees.
- 3. Test for temperature with cooking thermometer, or
- 4. Drop cube of bread into fat should brown in one minute for correct temperature.
- 5. Use straight-sided kettle, two-thirds full.
- 6. Wipe food dry to keep from splattering.

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AFTER FRYING

- 1. Allow fat to cool
- 2. Drop in two slices of raw potato.
- 3. Heat fat slowly until potatoes are brown.
- 4. Strain through two thicknesses of cheesecloth.
- 5. When cool, cover can tightly, place in refrigerator.

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(Information from Bureau of Home Economics, USDA)

<u>FACTS ABOUT LARD</u>

1. Keep lard in covered container in cool place.

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- 2. Never let lard get hot enough to smoke; may be irritating; gets rancid faster; gives less desirable flavor to food.
- 3. Lard can be re-used. After using, allow fat to cool; drop 2-3 slices raw potato into fat; heat slowly until potatoes brown; strain through two thicknesses cheesecloth into can; cover when cool; store in refrigerator.
- 4. Lard crossing State lines is labeled "Inspected and Passed by U. S. Department of Agriculture." (over)

- 5. Lard standards: <u>Lard</u> means fat rendered from fresh, clean, sound, fatty tissues from hogs. <u>Rendered pork fat</u> (lower grade cooking fat) is made from other hog fats. Both come from healthy animals.
- 6. Substituting lard for other fats in recipes: 1 cup lard <u>less</u> 2 tablespoons equals 1 cup butter in fat content. Or, if lard is called for, use 1 cup butter <u>plus</u> 2 extra tablespoons for each cup lard.

TO USE LARD IN CAKE MAKING

1) Cream lard & half the sugar; 2) add flour & milk; 3) beat other half sugar into egg until soft & fluffy; 4) quickly add sugar-egg mixture to batter; 5) mix, bake.

(from Iowa State College of Agriculture)

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